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This is a decision on the request for a corrected patent application publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b), filed on June 16, 2005, for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

The instant request is that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains the wrong correspondence address on the front page of the publication.

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¹Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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